

Work Session

February 11, 2013

6 p.m.

Present: Supervisor S. Reiter; Council Members A. Bax, M. Marra, E. Palmer, & R. Winkley; Deputy Sup. G. Catlin; Town Attorneys M. Dowd & M. Davis; Bldg. Inspector T. Masters; Adm./Op. J. Ritter; Police Chief C. Salada; Highway Supt. D. Janese and Town Clerk C. Brandon.

Also present: 4 residents & 3 press.

Sup. Reiter opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

AGENDA;

Reiter added an Executive Session after the meeting with some members of the Lewiston Porter Board of Education to discuss some of the agreements over the school property and straighten out some facts and I will ask that we go into executive session to discuss this.

Marra MOVED to approve the amended agenda as presented. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

TOWER CMTE. RESIGNATIONS:

Reiter stated that Wm. Conrad and John Frandina have tendered their resignation from the Tower/Wind Cmte. The Clerk was asked to advertise for vacancies on this committee.

Bax MOVED to accept the resignations with regret and that the Clerk sends a letter of thanks for their service. Seconded by Winkley and carried 5-0.

SCHEDULE MEETING/RECREATION/SENIOR CENTER:

Reiter: On March 4th, the agendas that I sent out for the recreation center, we are going to have a special meeting between the Town Board, School Board, Zoning Board, Environmental Board and the Fire Bureau at 6 p.m. It will about an hour meeting.

Dowd: I think the Environmental Board is going to meet first at 6 p.m. and I don't know if the rest of the Board wants to be there first....I think the Environmental Board plans on staying.

Reiter: I think we will start at 6 p.m.

Palmer stated that he would be unable to come at six but would come after his commitment.

Marra MOVED to hold a special meeting on March 4, 2013 at 6 p.m. with various department etc. to discuss the recreation/senior center. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

LEGACY DRIVE:

Dowd: As you know we had a public hearing with one speaker and we had some documents supplied and I prepared a draft resolution regarding the termination and findings of the Board on whether or not you should go forward with the acquisition and I also indicted to the Board that once you approve that, the determinations and findings you have three years to act on it. So, there is no real hurry to approve it tonight and we can still take our time to act upon it but....I will say that we did order an appraisal and that appraisal while I have a dollar amount that they called and told me what it was, I don't have the actual appraisal report yet. We should offer to purchase the interested parties out the appraised value so if the Board wants to table it one more time and get the appraisal amount and make the offer to the landowner's maybe they will go ahead and accept the offer without resorting to the acquisition process. That is up to you or you could do your determination and findings tonight. You don't have to act on it.

Bax MOVED to TABLE. Seconded by Marra and carried 5-0.

Dowd: Hopefully, we will get some agreement to conclude the matter.

Reiter: That would be nice. I find it kind of humorous that the one attorney who stood up and spoke to imply that they were going to get it done after they have been working on it for 7 years did not ring out very well.

PEKIN FIRE COMPANY CONTRACT:

Dowd: The Clerk advised me that the name of the company had changed...

Brandon: The name did not change. They are incorporated as Pekin Fire Company Inc. However, the agreement that we had with them said Pekin Volunteer Fire Company and the President, Mr. Amacher called and asked that the word "Volunteer" which appeared 3 times be removed. Also, he asked that the notice be sent to the president not the secretary. That is the only thing that was changed except that now the effective date is starting now in 2013. The previous one was 2008. We have a new certificate of insurance.

Bax MOVED to accept the agreement with the Pekin Fire Company. Seconded by Marra and carried 5-0.

SANDLEWOOD DRIVE DRAINAGE:

Reiter: We have a letter from Mr. & Mrs. George of 597 Sandalwood Drive. Does some of this have to do with the Oakrun S.D. Is that part of the problem?

Davis: I am aware of the problem but I don't know the cause of the problem. I know there is a lot of water on some of the properties. This is in the backyards.

Reiter: Why don't we ask the Highway Supt. to look at it and talk with Mr. Masters concerning the drainage from the Oakrun S.D. which is directly south of that subdivision. Sometimes some of these subdivisions are suppose to run laterally down. Sandalwood has been there since the 40's.

Masters stated this was the first time he was hearing of it. (a copy will be provided.)

Reiter: Tim, would you work together on this.

Janese: When I got the letter, I went down there and looked at it and you have water impounded there and the only place for the water to come up is to the front and it is on private property. It is not just impacting this property but 3 or 4 houses that are affected. Again, being on private property I will take direction from the Board and there is nothing I can do about it.

Reiter: Did you look at the plans of the subdivision to the south?

Janese: I don't believe they were necessary. There is a grading issue and you have water impounded in that area dammed. If you prefer to have the engineer and building inspector look at it, do it.

Reiter: I would suggest that the two of you take a look at it together to make sure that there is no conflict between the 2 subdivisions and then if there is something we can come up with a plan and how we can alleviate the situation.

Catlin asked what side of Sandalwood is this on. North or south?

Reiter: I can't say but it is behind the houses. We have cleaned up behind backyards in subdivisions before that is not an issue in itself.

Bax: Was it your suggestion that a possible drain would be able to service more than one house in that area?

Janese: If you regrade that area back there yes, you could probably put a drain and bring it out to the existing drainage in the front but it is all on private property.

Bax: Would you get the addresses of the houses that would benefit from it?

Janese: Yes.

Reiter asked Mr. Catlin to help with it.

Bax MOVED to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue with Lewiston Porter School Board regarding the Recreation Center. Seconded by Marra and carried 5-0.

Time: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted & Transcribed by:

Carol J. Brandon
Town Clerk

Executive Session 6:25 p.m.

Present: Sup. Reiter; Council Members, Bax, Marra, Palmer & Winkley; Deputy Sup. G. Catlin; Town Atty. M. Dowd; Bldg. Inspector T. Masters; Grant Writer B. Rotella; & Rec. Dir. M. Dashineau.

Also: Town of Lewiston: Kelly Besaw, Gary Rose & Peter Velkie.
Lewiston Porter School District: B. Holden, J. Riordan, Chris Roser, Don Rappold, K. Fox, M. Skronski, M. Gentile.

A discussion on the Letter of Intent for the purchase of Lewiston Porter School District property for the proposed Recreation/Senior Center.

No action taken.

Marra MOVED to exit Executive Session and reconvene. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Sup. S. Reiter.